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(B) TOKYO 12449 050929Z SEP (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE STOCKHOLM DAILY DAGENS NYHETER REPORTED OCTOBER 20 THAT A CERTAIN JEAN CLAUDE LUTHI, PURPORTEDLY REPRESENTING THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, HAD ARRIVED IN STOCKHOLM TO CARRY OUT A WEEK'S STUDY OF THE SWEDISH ANTI-TERRORIST LAW UNDER WHICH TWO SUSPECTED JAPANESE TERRORISTS (KYOICHI SHIMADA AND AKIRA KITAGAWA) HAD BEEN EXPELLED TO JAPAN LAST MONTH (REFTELS). THE PAPER QUOTED LUTHI, WHO WAS INVITED TO SWEDEN BY SEVERAL LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE CHILE COMMITTEE AND THE AFRICAN GROUP, ORGANIZED UNDER THE SWEDISH REFUGEE COUNCIL, AS ASSERTING THAT THE EXPULSION OF THE TWO TERRORISTS WAS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SIGNED BY SWEDEN. LUTHI REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE EXPULSION AS AN "IDIOTIC DECISION" WHICH INDICATED THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS CONTROLLED BY THE POLICE. WHEN HE COMPLETES HIS INVESTIGATION, LUTHI ADDED, HE WOULD TAKE THE QUESTION UP WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN STRASBOURG AND/OR THE U.N. IN GENEVA. THE PAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT LUTHI MET WITH THE WIFE AND FINANCE, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE TWO EXPELLED JAPANESE, MICHIKO SHIMADA AND TAKIKO GOUNDA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, LUTHI'S ACTUAL EMPLOYER IS THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, BASED IN GENEVA, DESCRIBED AS AN "ADVISORY ORGAN" FOR THE U.N. AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. HOWEVER, LUTHI HAS SO FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS TO MEET WITH SENIOR SWEDISH OFFICIALS. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ANNA GRETA LEIJON, WHO SIGNED THE EXPULSION ORDER OF THE TWO JAPANESE, HAS REFUSED TO RECEIVE LUTHI, AS HAVE JUSTICE MINISTER GEIGER AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CARL LIDBOM.

3. LUTHI'S CRITICISM OF THE ANTI-TERRORIST LAW WAS SUPPORTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE REFUGEE COUNCIL, ALAN HUNTER, WHO CHARGED THAT THE TWO JAPANESE HAD BEEN THE VICTIMS OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION. HUNTER ADDED THAT THE REFUGEE COUNCIL IS IN CONTACT WITH SHIMADA AND KITAGAWA WHO HAVE AGREED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THEIR CASE BY LUTHI. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. EFFORT TO REOPEN CASE OF THE EXPELLED JAPANESE REFLECTS CONTINUING OPPOSITION OF THE SWEDISH FAR LEFT (AND SOME LEGITIMATE CIVIL LIBERTARIANS) TO THE SO-CALLED SWEDISH ANTI-TERRORIST LAW.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT FILES ON LUTHI AND INTERNATIONAL

FEDERATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.
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